AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended)   A system for enabling video content to be selected by a user via the Internet (140) and for distributing selected video content via a multichannel video broadcasting system, for the selected video content to be received on a multichannel receiver and displayed at the user's location on a TV monitor (150) or on a PC (160) provided with a TV display card, the system comprising:

   - a main video server (200) for supplying a plurality of selectable video contents (210,220,230);

   - an authorization server (300) accessible via the Internet for a user to transmit user commands to select video contents that are to be displayed immediately or with a delay;

   - a multichannel video broadcasting apparatus (250;280,285); and

   - a distribution server (350) for supplying, from the main video server (200) to the broadcasting apparatus (250;280,285), selected video contents to be broadcast on channels of the broadcasting apparatus;

   - the system being arranged to select at least one channel that is available to broadcast a selected video content immediately or with a delay in correspondence with a user command, and to provide an indication of the selected channel(s) available to broadcast the selected video content, said indication of the selected channel(s) being available to the user via the authorization server (300) and the Internet (140); and

   - the system being arranged to initiate the broadcast of a selected video content on an indicated available channel immediately or with a delay in correspondence with said user command.; and

   - wherein the distribution server (350) is arranged to provide automated selection of a channel that is available to broadcast immediately or with a delay in correspondence with a user command, or a partly automated selection of a channel assisted by a user command by automated selection of several channels available to broadcast immediately or with a delay in correspondence with a user command followed by the user selecting one among the several selected available channels.

2. (Previously presented)   The system of claim 1, wherein the main video server (200) supplies live broadcasts (210), and stores and supplies recorded videos (220) and video-on-demand (230).

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3.   (Previously presented)   The system of claim 1 or 2, wherein the multichannel video broadcasting apparatus (250;280,285) is a digital broadcasting apparatus having a broad bandwidth with several hundreds of channels.

4.   (Currently amended)   The system of claim 1, ~~2 or 3~~, wherein the multichannel video broadcasting apparatus comprises a cable TV network (250).

5.   (Currently amended)   The system of claim 1, ~~2 or 3~~, wherein the multichannel video broadcasting apparatus comprises a ground transmission station (280) arranged to transmit to a communications satellite (285).

6.   (Currently amended)   The system of ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the distribution server (350) is arranged to provide automated selection of a channel available to broadcast immediately or with a delay in correspondence with a user command~~, or a partly automated selection of a channel assisted by a user command by automated selection of several channels available to broadcast immediately or with a delay in correspondence with a user command followed by the user selecting one among the several selected available channels~~.

7.   (Currently amended)   The system of ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, comprising a processing system (320), connected with the main authorization server (300) to operate the main video server (200).

8.   (Currently amended)   A method for enabling a user to select a video content via the Internet (140) and for distributing selected video content via a multichannel video broadcasting system for the selected video content to be received on a multichannel receiver and displayed at the user's location on a TV monitor (150) or on a PC (160) provided with a TV display card, the method comprising:

- selecting, from a plurality of selectable video contents (210,220,230) that are stored on a main video server (200), video contents that are to be displayed immediately or with a delay, in response to user commands transmitted via the Internet (140);

- supplying selected video contents from the main video server (200) to a multichannel video broadcasting apparatus (250;280,285), for the selected video content to be broadcast on an available channel of the broadcasting apparatus;

- providing ~~an automated~~ a selection of at least one channel that is available to broadcast a selected video content immediately or with a delay in correspondence with a user command;

- providing an indication of the selected channel(s) available to broadcast the selected video content, said indication being available to the user via an authorization server (300) and the Internet (140); ~~and~~

- initiating the broadcast of a selected video content on an ~~the~~ indicated channel immediately or with a delay in correspondence with said user command; and

- wherein the selection of a channel that is available to broadcast immediately or with a delay in correspondence with a user command is automated, or is partly automated and assisted by a user command by automated selection of several channels available to broadcast immediately or with a delay in correspondence with a user command followed by the user selecting one among the several selected available channels.

9. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the video contents are selected from live broadcasts (210), recorded videos (220) and video-on-demand (230).

10. (Original) The method of claim 8 or 9, wherein the selected video contents are broadcast on a channel selected from a broad bandwidth with several hundreds of channels.

11. (Currently amended) The method of claim 8, ~~9 or 10,~~ wherein the selected video contents are broadcast on a channel of a cable TV network (250).

12. (Currently amended) The method of claim 8, ~~9 or 10,~~ wherein the selected video contents are broadcast via a ground transmission station (280) that transmits to a communications satellite (285).

13. (Cancelled)

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